TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HJR 69

February 24, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Proposes amending Article III, VI, and VII of the Tennessee Constitution to require the popular election, beginning with the 2016 general election, of the Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Reporter, Secretary of State, State Comptroller of the Treasury, and State Treasurer. Designates the order of succession in the event of death, resignation, or removal of the Governor. Resolves that this amendment be referred to the 108th General Assembly and that this resolution be published in accordance with Article XI, Section 3, of the Tennessee Constitution.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$18,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- A one-time cost of \$18,000 to the Secretary of State to print notice of the proposed amendment in statutorily designated newspapers as required by this resolution.
- According to the Secretary of State, the statewide average cost to publish the last three constitutional amendments was \$17,700.
- Because Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution requires publication of the resolution before the next legislative election, this publication would occur in the spring of 2012.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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